

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

THOMAS E. FISTER,

No. C-11-1461 MMC

Plaintiff,

v.

**ORDER DIRECTING PARTIES TO  
INFORM COURT WHETHER THEY  
CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
FOR ALL PURPOSES**

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,

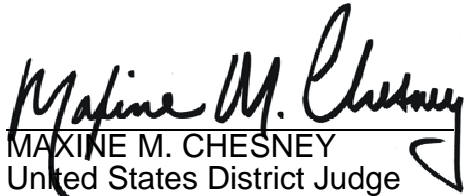
Defendant

In cases initially assigned to a district judge, the parties may consent at any time to reassignment of the case to a magistrate judge for all purposes, including entry of final judgment. See Civil L.R. 73-1(b).

Accordingly, the parties are hereby DIRECTED to advise the Court, no later than May 6, 2011, as to whether they consent to have a magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in the instant action.<sup>1</sup> For the parties' convenience, a consent form is attached hereto; forms are also available at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>, in the "Forms" section. The parties are further advised that they may jointly request assignment to a specific magistrate judge.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: April 19, 2011

  
MAXINE M. CHESNEY  
United States District Judge

<sup>1</sup>Normally, the Court would direct the parties to so inform the Court in their Joint Case Management Statement filed in connection with a case management conference. Because the instant action involves a review of an administrative record, however, a case management conference has not been scheduled.